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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : John F. Blake
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT : Review of Authority for Staffing Employee
Activity Functions

REFERENCE : OGC Memorandum 76-5678, dtd 14 Oct 76, ^{att}
Same Subject

1. Action Requested: That you approve the continued assignment of employees, paid from appropriated funds, to the Coordinator function of the Employee Activity Association (EAA) and to the physical fitness room.

2. Background: The EAA coordinates various employee club, hobby, self-improvement, and sports activities to ensure that all Agency cover and employee security requirements are met. This is done by two administrative and two clerical employees of the Office of Personnel. The physical fitness room is staffed by one employee of the Office of Personnel who supervises its activities and maintains the exercise equipment. After a review of these activities earlier this year, the Audit Staff, Office of Inspector General, recommended that an opinion be solicited from the General Counsel concerning the legality of assigning to these functions employees who are paid from appropriated funds. The Office of General Counsel has responded (copy attached) that appropriated funds may be used for these purposes based on the unique security requirements of the Agency and the direct relationship between physical fitness and the duties assigned to Agency personnel.

3. Staff Position:

A. The EAA contributes substantially to the morale of Agency employees and offers them, in a secure manner, the programs and activities that are made available to employees of other Federal agencies. The physical fitness room (including the running track) provides exercise facilities for those employees whose duty assignments require the maintenance of

peak physical condition, and at the same time encourages all Agency employees to participate in exercise programs which are beneficial to their health. In the absence of assigned Agency personnel, these programs could no longer be continued.

B. In the legal opinion, the Office of General Counsel noted that administrative determinations have been made on several occasions by Agency officials that the expenses involved in providing these services are necessary for Agency functions and that, although a similar determination by the DCI or DDCI might be helpful in firmly establishing the propriety of the expenditure, such an additional determination is not required. We believe it appropriate to obtain such a determination by the DDCI.

4. Recommendation: That you approve the continued assignment of Agency employees, paid from appropriated funds, to the Coordinator function of EAA, and to the Agency's physical fitness room.

/s/ John F. Blake

John F. Blake

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APPROVED: */s/ E. H. Knoche*

4 Nov 76
Date

DISAPPROVED: _____

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